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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including the German language specification, claims, abstract, one (1) sheet of formal drawings, English language translation and Preliminary Amendment. The Declaration and Power of Attorney and certified copy of the priority document will be filed at a later time.

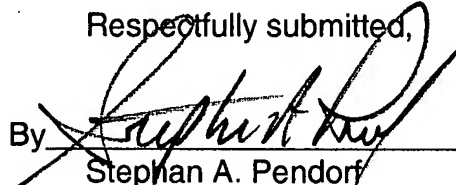
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Priority is claimed from February 18, 2003, based on German Patent Application No. 103 06 886.4-16.

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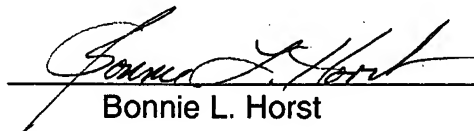
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